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Application No. 09/533,029  
Atty Docket No. MBI-0010

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Jacqueline HEARD *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/533,029

Filed: March 22, 2000

For: TRANSGENIC PLANTS COMPRISING  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING  
TRANSCRIPTION FACTORS THAT  
CONFER DISEASE TOLERANCE

Art Unit: 1638

Examiner: David H. Kruse

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**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION (PAPER No. 19)**

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action of May 29, 2002 (Paper No. 19), and respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following arguments and evidence. In addition, Applicants request entry of the following amendments to the application. Appendix A is attached to show the changes made to the specification, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

**Request for Extension of Time**

Applicants request a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the Office action, extending the period for response up to October 29, 2002. If necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge deposit account no. 50-1129 for the extension fee, or any other required fee.

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